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TAXATION THAT KILLS.

We have before us the report of Mr. Ruffner, Superintendent of the Virginia Board of Public Instruction, for 1873, and we find it, arrayed in startling figures, a statement of taxation for liquors, drunk within the State, which fully accounts for the poverty, not only of Virginia, but of all the Southern States; while it also gives the reason for the straitened circumstances of millions in the North. There are 2560 retail liquor shops in the State. If these shops sold the average amount of liquor sold by the liquor shops of the United States, and there is no reason to suppose they do not, the annual amount consumed is \$14,022,888. There are additions to be made to this from wholesale dealers and patent medicines which are bought and consumed for their alcohol, that raise the aggregate to \$12,000,000. There is no doubt that the sum total exceeds these terrific figures, which leave out entirely the alcohol used for mechanical and manufacturing purposes. This sum exceeds the total value of all the farm productions, increase in live stock, and value of improvements, of the year 1870, according to the U. S. Census, in the seven best counties of the State, and by just about the same amount, the value of the productions of forty-five smaller counties during the same year. The wheat crop of Virginia, for 1870, was, in round numbers, 8,000,000 bushels. This, at \$1.50 per bushel, which is more than was received, makes exactly \$12,000,000. In brief, Virginia drank up its entire wheat crop to the last grain!

Mr. Ruffner presents other illustrative estimates, but nothing can add to the force of those which we have cited. He then goes on to show that the taxation for State purposes, including legislation, salaries, courts, institutions for dumb, blind and insane, public schools and interest on the public debt only reaches the sum of \$3,500,000, while to add to this sum all the local taxation, would not equal the burden which the people voluntarily lay upon themselves. But this is not all. The injury done to public order, and to private health and enterprise, is to be taken into account. Mr. Ruffner believes that the time wasted, the injury done to business, and the cost of crime, pauperism, insanity and litigation resulting from intemperance, would be more costly than the liquor itself. Then the Superintendent, with figures furnished by the distinguished English statistician, Neilson, in the interests of Life Insurance, shows how much valuable life is thrown away in the State. Between fifteen and twenty years of age, the number of deaths of temperate and intemperate persons, is as 10 to 18; between twenty-one and thirty, 10 to 51; between thirty and forty, 10 to 40. At twenty years of age a temperate person's chance for life is 44.2 years; intemperate, 15.6; at thirty, the temperate man's chance is for 36.5 years; intemperate, 13.8; at forty years, the proportionate chances are 28.8 to 11.6 years. Thus money, health, morality, industry, good order, and life itself, in enormous sums, go into this bottomless caldron. Is there any return of good for all this expenditure? None. The loss is entire, and irretrievable. If the whole had gone over Niagara Falls, something would be picked up, on the shore below, but nothing is left from this waste. A bushel of grain transformed into alcohol, and swallowed as a beverage, is a bushel of grain annihilated. If all that is spent for liquor were put into a huge furnace, and burned, we should have the ashes; but, as it is, we have no ashes except such, with shame and tears, as we are obliged to bury.

We have not displayed these figures for the special purpose of reading a lesson to Virginia, for that State is no worse than the rest of the States of the Union; but one of her faithful officers has brought out the statistics, and the country ought to feel very much obliged to him for them. They give us the facts that account for all our public distress. Our taxation for the legitimate purposes of government and the payment of the public debt is a mere bagatelle by the side of the taxation to which the people voluntarily subject themselves, for that which harms them. We consume, as a nation, \$600,000,000 a year in spirituous liquors, a sum which only needs a very few multiplications to pay the whole public debt of the country. If this tax could be entirely abated, the impetus that would be given, not only to our prosperity, but to our civilization, would soon place us in advance of every nation under heaven.—Dr. J. G. Holland, in Scribner's for July.

CENTERS OF THE UNIVERSE.—The faculty that some people have of making themselves, to all intents and purposes, the centre of the universe, is a thing which I covet every day of my life. Of course a great many people really believe that they are these centers, or that center—but it is the select few who really comprehend every one else to believe it, whom I envy. It must be a glorious consciousness. Such a sense of largeness; such Popish pride, without the slightest tinge of any of the Pope's personal humility. To think of bringing the whole realm of literature, art, religion to the test of one's self. To think of going to hear a new orator, not for the mere vulgar purpose of enjoying it, but in order to "see how you will like it."

To be sure, passing from one such center to another among your friends is apt to create an element of confusion, something like that supposed by Warner to be produced in the minds of those who dwell by a certain river in the provinces, which first runs one way and then another, and then vanishes altogether.—Scribner for July.

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